



— State of —  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*

**John Hoeven**  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**FLAG DAY**  
JUNE 14, 2008

**WHEREAS**, the American flag has been our national symbol for 231 years, and it remains a beacon of freedom wherever it is flown; and

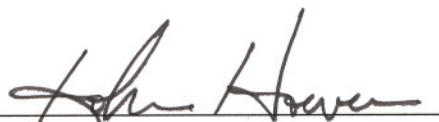
**WHEREAS**, since the Second Continental Congress adopted the Stars and Stripes as our flag in 1777, it has stood for freedom, justice and the resolve of our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the flag that inspired Francis Scott Key to write our National Anthem still energizes and emboldens the American spirit today, and as our nation faces the challenges of a new era, Old Glory reminds us that liberty can prevail over oppression; and

**WHEREAS**, Americans have long flown the flag as a sign of patriotism and gratitude for the blessings of freedom, pledging allegiance as an expression of loyalty to this country and to the belief in the creed of liberty and justice for all; and

**WHEREAS**, by displaying and respecting the flag, we honor the ideals upon which our democracy rests and the brave men and women in uniform who have served and sacrificed in defense of our freedoms, from the early patriots of the Continental Army to the courageous Americans who are defending our nation around the world today.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim June 14, 2008, **FLAG DAY** in the state of North Dakota and direct all government buildings to display the American flag and encourage all North Dakotans to observe this day by flying the Stars and Stripes from their homes and other suitable places. I also call upon all citizens to observe with pride and all due ceremony those days from Flag Day through Independence Day as a time to honor America, to celebrate our rich heritage, and to express our gratitude to those who have secured our freedoms throughout this nation's history and to those who defend them still today.

  
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John Hoeven  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
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Secretary of State